Andaman and Nicobar Islands as there is no checking of Immigration by sea route;

(b) whether it is a fact that since last two decades, population of this area increased by immigration;

(c) whether the State Government has ever suggested the Government of India for issuing Identity Card; and

(d) what action Government have taken or proposed to take against unauthorized immigration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Andaman and Nicobar Administration have formulated a scheme for issue of Islander's Identity Cards to all the persons who have been residing in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands from a date prior to 9.3.93 and have attained the age of 18 years.

(b) The population of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has increased due to natural growth as also by immigration.

(c) The scheme for issuing Islander's Identity Cards has been prepared by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration as per the advice of the Central Government.

(d) The steps taken by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to check unauthorized immigration include non-regularisation of any encroachment that has taken place after 1978 and reduction in various inbuilt subsidies and moving towards realistic user charges for various services.

Anti National activities of SIMI

3093. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of activists of Students Islamic Movement of India who were found to be involved in anti-National activities in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of such activists who were convicted and were sentenced by courts in the country in the last two years;

(c) whether a number of activists had connection with foreign militants outfits; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) 'Public order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence the maintenance of public order and peace, as also, registration, investigation and prevention of crime are the primary concern of the State Governments. A large number of activists of the Students Islamic Movement of India have been involved in the anti-national activities in the country and cases have been registered against them. SIMI has been declared as unlawful association under the provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal consisting of Hon'ble Justice S.K. Agarwal, Judge of the Delhi High Court has been constituted for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is a sufficient cause for declaring SIMI as unlawful association. The matter is before the Tribunal for adjudication.

Killings in Assam during Durga Puja celebrations

3094. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist activities killing a number of persons were reported from different areas in Assam particularly in Dhubri and Nalbari Districts during the Durga Puja celebrations held in the end of October;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these activities have been reportedly carried out by militants of National Democratic Front of Bodoland in Assam; and

(d) the steps taken to re-store normalcy so that the citizens in different parts of State feel assured of their lives and belongings without violent activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) According to available information three persons were killed on 25.10.2001 in an explosion caused by some suspected National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) militants at Gauripur Mahamaya Puja Mandap in Gauripur town, Dhubri. In another incident on 26.10.2001, some suspected NDFB militants fired upon the Army patrolling party near the Khoirani Puja Mandap at Pakrijuli (Police Station-Tamulpur) in Nalbari District. As a result, one Army personnel died on the spot.

(d) The Government has taken various steps to protect lives and properties from terrorist outfits in Assam. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-Military